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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR PRIORITY

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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, SHUM, US, ES

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH THE GOES

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1. DURING HIS INITIAL COURTESY CALL MAY 5 ON SALVADORAN  
AMBASSADOR BERTRAND GALINDO, ARA/CEN DIRECTOR MATTHEWS  
REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE RICHARDSON CASE AND SALVA-  
DORAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION COULD LEAD TO US ACTIONS  
WHICH MIGHT SERIOUSLY AFFECT OUR GOOD RELATIONS UNLESS  
WE CAN QUICKLY SHOW SOME EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS ON SALVA-  
DORAN SIDE. MATTHEWS DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THESE ACTIONS  
MIGHT BE, BUT MENTIONED THE EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE  
MILITARY AID TERMINATION AND THE PRIVATE WASHINGTON  
OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICA CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS  
AND OTHERS RECOMMENDING THAT WE VOTE IN THE IDB AGAINST

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THE SAN LORENZO POWER LOAN. MATTHEWS ALSO STRESSED THAT  
AMB. LOZANO WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTION IN HIS DEMARCHES  
ON THE RICHARDSON CASE.

2. BERTRAND GALINDO SAID HE HAD EMPHASIZED THE DANGER OF  
ALLOWING THESE MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE RICHARDSON CASE,  
TO PREJUDICE SALVADOR'S RELATIONS WITH US DURING HIS

CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO EL SALVADOR. HE CLAIMED BORGONOVO HAD AGREED TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE RICHARDSON MATTER IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO THE USG, BUT THAT BORGONOVO'S KIDNAPPING HAD APPARENTLY STOPPED ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE RICHARDSON CASE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. MATTHEWS EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE BORGONOVO KIDNAPPING, BUT EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR BERTRAND-GALINDO TO IMPEL THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR OTHERS IN THE GOES TO QUICKLY PRODUCE A SATISFACTORY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT OR TO OTHERWISE RESOLVE THE RICHARDSON CASE IN A FORTHCOMING WAY. MATTHEWS ADDED THAT AWAITING THE HOPED FOR RETURN OF BORGONOVO BEFORE RESOLVING THIS CASE COULD ALLOW THE EVOLUTION OF EVENTS FURTHER DAMAGING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PREJUDICIAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE GOES. CHRISTOPHER

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